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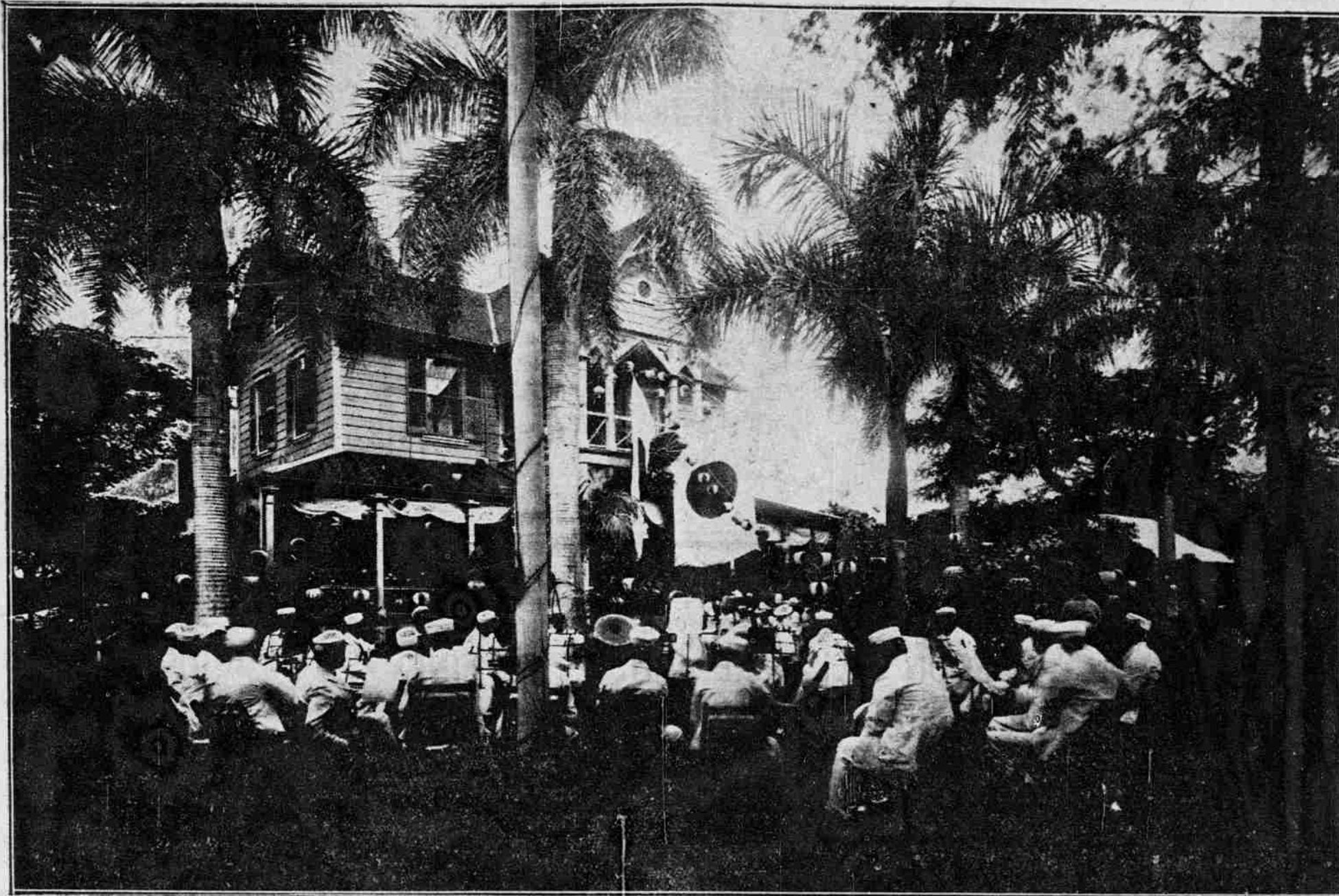
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IN MEMORY of the birthday of the Emperor of Japan the subjects of that august sovereign yesterday celebrated the day with all of the pomp and circumstance that is the custom when the islanders gather on an official occasion. It was made for the event, and right merrily did the people of the Island Empire enjoy the natal day of their ruler.

The celebration began at 9 o'clock, when, gathered at the Imperial consulate, the members of the official family and their friends sang the national hymn of the empire. To its rising and falling minors, with eyes fixed upon the great flag, which, with its white field and red disk, told of the honor and blood of the faithful followers of the standard on fields of carnage of the Orient, the people of the empire put into the chorus all the feeling which came to them as they thought of the thousands of miles of waste of waters which separated them from their native land.

There was a great gathering of the faithful subjects at the consulate, and to the music of the Hawaiian band for three hours the reception rooms of the consulate were filled with friends who called to pay their respects. There were not only the members of the leading mercantile firms, but as well scores of others whose friendship for the "Yankees of the Orient" took the form of compliments upon the auspicious occasion.

Vice Consul Okabe, flanked by his secretaries, received the guests and responded to their greetings and returned their compliments of the day. There was a constant stream of visitors, and it was not until the noon hour that there was any let up in the number of callers. The band, stationed on the lawn, meanwhile discoursed the newest music and made a gala occasion of the celebration.

There were numerous luncheons, and the afternoon was spent in the enjoyment of the day by the people in various ways. Last evening the feature was the entertainment of Vice Consul Okabe and Mrs. Okabe at the consulate. A marquee had been erected on the lawn in the rear, and there the guests gathered, beneath vari-colored lanterns, amid flaming flags. There were served light viands, and the punchbowl was a feature of the evening's refreshments. There were many addresses, the health of the Emperor and the members of the royal family, of the Japanese from home, and many other appropriate sentiments, calling for the enthusiastic oratory of the citizens present. It was only after an evening of enjoyment characteristic of their island home that the guests departed.

This evening the feature of the day's entertainment will be the dinner, which will be served at Waikiki, at

the club house, by the members of the business community.

Altogether, the celebration was one most auspicious, and everyone under the red sun's shadow enjoyed the memory of his island home, and the birthday of his sovereign.

JAPANESE FENCING AND WRESTLING.

Praise for the Emperor of Japan in speeches and in anthems, followed by a splendid exhibition of ancient Japanese fencing tournaments, were features of the exercises held yesterday afternoon from 1:30 to 5 o'clock at the Japanese primary school, off Nuuanu street. Hundreds of Japanese men and women thronged the enclosure fronting the school structure, and a way was made from that to the Immigration Company's premises, thus giving all the room needed for the sports.

Gay with sunrise flags, bunting, and all manner of decorations in token of the Emperor's birthday, the two places were truly a holiday spectacle. In the school yard a space was made with flag staffs and partly surrounded by barriers of bunting, and in this the fencing bouts were given. The school rooms were decorated, and photographs of the Emperor and Empress occupied a conspicuous place behind the chairman's table. Mr. I. Iminishi, of the Yokohama Specie Bank, presided, making a laudatory address of the Emperor's high qualities as a ruler and as one who held the patriotism of his people so strongly. The addresses were listened to by a large audience, and were frequently interrupted by bursts of applause. The program was as follows:

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The government band was stationed near the fencer's pavilion, and played the greater part of the afternoon for the fencers, changing over to the Immigration grounds later when the children's sports were held.

The fencing brought out the most skilled masters of the art in the Hawaiian Islands, the finest exponent being a wiry little fellow from the big island who successfully beat off four men who attacked him with their bamboo staves. Each fencer wore armor, consisting of a bamboo breastplate, padded hip guards, and gloves, and a cloth helmet with steel grating mask. With lightning-like strokes the fencers wielded their staves with both hands, bringing them down on their opponents' heads as hard as possible. The exhibition evoked cheer after cheer. Mr. Shioda, president of one of the local banks, was often in the arena, using at times the staff, at others the short curved stick from which hung a weight attached to a string, and at others a long pole. Sasaki and Takahashi were two of the best matched men in the pavilion, and their combat was one of the longest and most desperately fought of the day.

The children's sports consisted of apple, sack, lantern, needle, and water races, prizes being distributed to the winners by Mrs. Iminishi. There were refreshments of many kinds. The entire afternoon was most enjoyably spent.

In a corner of the old baseball grounds in Makiki, near the Kaahumanu school, a gaudily decorated pavilion marked the place where the wrestlers displayed their skill, and set their muscle, cunning and skill to the highest notch for the championship honors. Hundreds of Japanese congregated early. A pavilion in the shape of an "L" had been erected, and in this the women were privileged to sit apart from the men and view the sports. The pavilion, prettily decorated, was greatly enhanced in its attractiveness by the daintily attired Japanese women, who took a lively interest in the display of skill. Stands from which refreshments were served dotted the place, and a judges' stand was shown by the numerous cloth pennants floating from tall posts about it. The square place in which the wrestlers appeared was filled with sand to prevent anyone from being injured by hard falls.

On the posts were bamboo sacks filled with salt, and no wrestler went into the arena without first taking a pinch of salt into his mouth, sprinkling some upon the sand, and dividing his portion with his opponent. This salt ceremony, intermixed with water, was strange to outsiders who did not fully understand its import, and it seemed to be full of meaning for the Japanese, for they viewed the doings with deep interest. Oftentimes, a pair of wrestlers, after mixing salt and kneeling before each other, would rise and get another pinch and then resume their positions. Some splendid specimens of men came before the audience, and the strength and skill of some was extraordinary. There were humorous features about the sports, especially the announcements of the various events.

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